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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Special Technology Mission for the States having an appalling record of population control has been set up by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States where the said mission is likely to operate; and

(c) the specific steps taken to provide better quality of health care and reduce death and birth rates during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): The Technology Mission as envisaged in the National Population Policy has been named as `Empowered Action Group` to be attached to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for preparing area-specific programmes, with special emphasis on States that have been lagging behind in containing population growth to manageable limits.

(c) The following steps are being taken under the National Family Welfare Programme to stabilise the increase in population:

(i) An integrated and holistic programme of Reproductive and Child Health that include Maternal Health, Child Health and Contraception issues was launched since, 1997.
(ii) Information, Education and Communication Programme to create awareness about the benefits of small family.
(iii) Assistance to States/UTs to maintain certain family welfare infrastructure.
(iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations and NGOs for implementing family welfare programme.

The National Population Policy adopted by the Government seeks to put in place a multi sectoral agenda for population stabilisation which includes increasing out-reach and coverage of reproductive and child health care services, strengthening of health infrastructure, meeting the unmet needs for contraception services, and converging of integrated service delivery at village and household levels.